

Captain Ralph S. Heath Home On Furlough From Overseas

Recently a great American liner docked at an eastern seaboard, discharging a shipload of seasoned veterans from the fighting fronts in Europe. They were of all ages, ranks, colors and creeds, returning back to the homeland by the grace of a beneficent government who recognized that their two or more years of intense fighting in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France, had earned for them a thirty day furlough they treasured in an inner pocket of their uniform. At last, they were home again though some of them lived over a thousand miles away. Thanks to them, a transportation system unravaged by war was able in the course of a few days to place them back among their loved ones.

Of local interest was one of the passengers, Captain Ralph S. Heath, Jr. decorated by his government for gallantry in action in his field artillery unit, and returning to see for the first time his two year old daughter, Georgeann, and to be reunited with his wife, the former Phyllis Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher of Keetley, where she and the baby have waited during the long absence of their soldier father. While at first it was reported that the baby would have nothing to do with that soldier in brass buttons, she now seems to sense an affinity.

Captain Heath arrived on a special train Thanksgiving day in Salt Lake City for an elaborate dinner and reception at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Heath, Sr., at 339 Tenth Avenue, Salt Lake City. Further homecoming parties are planned for the future, among them being an open house at their home this coming Monday. Pressed for a discussion of the war Captain Heath would only say that he was duly grateful for the rotation plan which permitted him to come home, regretting that less fortunate buddies who had also been through the mill, would have to wait their turn. Captain Heath will report at Fort Douglas at the end of the month.